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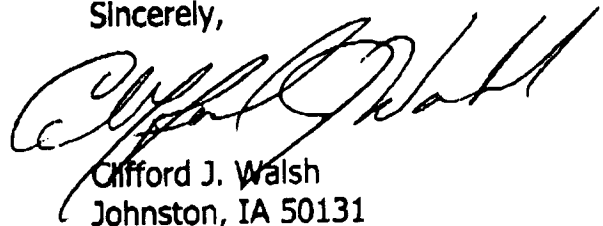
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The lawsuits against Microsoft in the antitrust case have gone on for far too long. I am appalled that after a settlement has occurred that nine states want to continue litigation. The settlement is more than fair in many ways and actually borders on being too harsh for Microsoft.

Essentially, Microsoft has agreed to improve its relations with software developers and computer makers, disclose technological secrets that they have developed, not enter into third party agreements, and design future Windows' versions to allow competitors to more easily promote their own products. I hope the settlement and its concessions end up being in the best interest of the public.

I urge your office to take a firm stance on this settlement and finalize it as soon as possible. Our economy and the IT sector in particular need this to end.

Sincerely,



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